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## SENATE PASSES **BALL RENT ACT** BY 36-17 VOTE

Concurrence of House Expected, Extending Law 2 Years.

BUSINESS PROPERTY EXCLUDED IN BILL

#### Hotels and Restaurants to Give 30 Days' Notice in Advancing Rates.

After two hours' debate the Senate passed the District rent bill late yesterday by a vote of 36 to 17. Business property was excluded and the posting of rates by hotels

was provided for. An amendment

to transfer appeal cases from the

Court of Appeals to the District Supreme Court was passed. If the bill passes the House becomes a law, it will extend the Ball Rent Commission for two years from May 22. Voting on the mea-

How the Vote Stood.

For-Ashurst, Ball, Bursum, Cap-per, Caraway, Colt, Curtis, Dial, Glass, Gooding, Hale, Harris, Harrison, Heffin, Jones of Washington Kendrick, Keyes, La Follette, Len-root, Lodge, McNary, Nicholson, Norbeck, Phipps, Pittman, Pomerck, Phipps, Pittma... ck, Phipps, Pittma... Rawson, Spencer, Sterling, erland, Townsend, Trammell, Francisco, Warren, Wat Sutherland. Walsh of Montana, Warr son of Indiana and Willis. Against-Broussard, Ernst, Har-

reld, King, McKinley, Moses, Myers, New Newberry, Oddie, Poindexter, Reed, Sheppard, Stanley, Wads-worth, Watson of Georgia and Will-

The bill was attacked by Senator Poindexter of Washington who declared it to be unconstitutional and productive of more harm than good. "Conditions are worse under the law, as shown the committee's report." he said.

#### Senators Defend Measure, Senator Atlee Pomerene of Ohio

The introduced the resolution to ex-tend the law: Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, and others defended the measure. Senator Pomerene de-clared citizens of Washington who s permitted to go out of exist-

Pomerene declared the rernment has jurisdiction here as none of the States, and its duty its employes as well as to other cftizens, is to protect them. He read a letter from the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association urging inclusion of business properties, and another indicating that rents, if the law is not perpetuated will be doubled or more in many

day, when the House District Com ee meets, and be passed with little opposition, proposes to in- with the immediate co-operation of of the act. crease the number of members of Gordon Lee, chief of the automothe Rent Commission from three to five members. The present commisfive members. The present commis-gion would continue its work until the new appointments are made by of Secretary Hoover's contemplated and Russian Bolshevik! to bring the President and approved by the helps to American business in its Under the amendment introduced hour of recovery.

by Senator Caraway, of Arkansas. in advancing rates, and cards must dates of posting. Violators will be tended by fined \$10 to \$100. The Senator assistants that during a convention here he made reservations at \$4 a. "It is on day for friends from his State and that the reservations were canceled and rates raised to \$20 a day.

#### Amenda Appeal Method.

Senator Walsh, of Montana, intro duced the amendment to eliminate the clause transferring appeal cases direct to the Supreme Court of the District, explaining that to pass the cases to the United States Supreme Court without their disposition in the appeals court is contrary to

American jurisprudence.
Senator Phipps, of Colorado, a
member of the District Committee, resterday introduced a bill providtwo additional associate justices of the Court of Appeals, the dockets have been crowded with rent cases.

the Pomerene resolution to extend law for two years was drawn up by the Rent Co ip by the Rent Commission counsel, who receives \$5,000, and who perpetuates his own position by pro-viding that after expiration of the aw in 1924 the counsel be kept emto straighten out pending

The Senator said the law denies alcohol motor. The task of the De-litzens the right to their own partment of Commerce is to help them market the motor. itizens the right to their own property, holds contracts between landlords and tenants are enforced gainst the former but not against latter and requires owners of property to render services to tenants against their wishes as American citizens. In reply to an inquiry of Senator Medill McCorto whether the rent law

was not in some respects like the laws applied to the Russians by Lenin, Senator Poindexter said they "And why discriminate against

the business property?" Senator poindexter asked. "If the citizens who rent cottages are entitled to this extraordinary safeguard, why are not those who rent business property It is simply another in-stance of the disposition to create

stance of the disposition to create government bureaus.

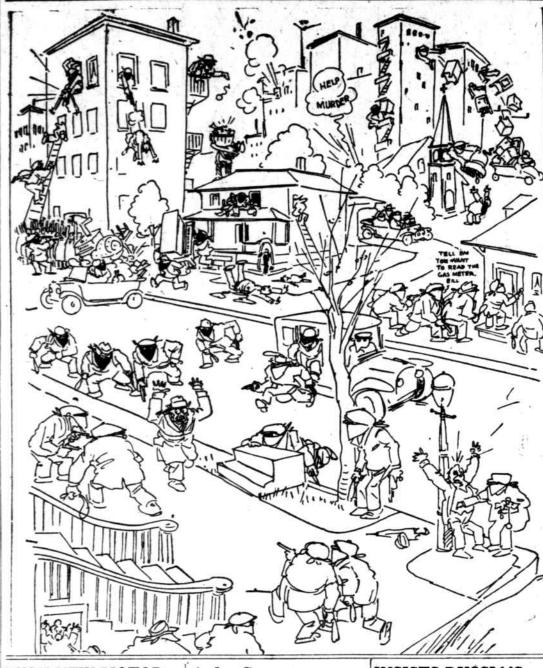
The Senator read a statement from the owner of a large apartment house, saying that Senators, members of Congress, Justices of the United States Supreme Court and of the District Court of Apacels were replies and that the

members of Congress, Justices of the United States Supreme Court and of the District Court of Appeals were renters and that these officials who must pass upon this legislation, are in a position to real Continued on Page Two.

Expect those those those of all former years.

MEXICO CITY, April 14.—Aviator in the heart of the Wall Street management of the Wall Street

A Nice Quiet Evening at New York Police Headquarters.—By J. N. Darling.



## **PUSH NEW MOTOR** AS LURE TO LATIN AMERICAN TRADE

#### Automotive Industries Are Launching Drive For Markets.

The first joint move for foreign trade by the automotive industries has just been launched, with Latin The bill, which will go to the House immediately and be reported hol-driven automobile as the merfor action probably next Wedness-chandise.

The announcement of this move y Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, and carried without opposition, ho-less and restaurants will be re- of the first meeting that has ever to the Attorney General can acels and restaurants will be reels and restaurants will be re in advancing rates, and cards must be posted in the rooms and upon walls, giving the rates and the dates of posting. Violators will be tended by Secretary Hoover and his

> "It is only natural that the auto motive industry, paying Federal taxes of \$115.546,000 for 1921, should expect to have the government stand behind it when it goes out to foreign markets. The great opportunity today is the alcohol-driven motor in Latin America." Under provisions of the bill now Lee said yesterday.

Lack of Gasoline Obstacle. "The main obstacle to the development of world trade in automo biles is the unavailability of gaso or petrol in many foreign

countries.

"But alcohol from sugar cane trapes, or grain is available in far more countries than is perfoleum. This is particularly the case in Central America. South America, and the West Indies, where sugar

cane is grown.
"Even though alcohol in a prop erly adapted motor gives one-third less power than gasoline, this handicap is more than overcome when

the availability of alcohol is taken into consideration. "The task of American automotive manufacturers is to design the

#### Fuel Problem Taken Care of.

"The fuel proble mis taken care right on the foreign territory. In Cuba and the Pernambuco district of Brazil motor alcohol is being made from the lower grades of i lasses, which now sell at 2 cents a gallon, and about 2½ gallons are required for a gallon of motor

"If the market can be opened up, scale production of motor alcohol will be developed from pressed cane fiber, which is now being used for firewood at sugar cane mills. "The automotive business, and I include under this category motor

cars, trucks, motorcycles and aero planes, is fast recovering. Exports have been steadily improving since last July and indications are that exports for 1922 will eclipse those

## Asks Senator Be Prosecuted

Woman Files Complaint Against France for His Message to Chiefs at Genoa.

Formal complaint wos filed yes-terday against Senator Joseph I. France by Miss Mary G. Kilbreth. of New York, vice president of the Woman Patriot Publishing Com-pany, who asks the Attorney General to prosecute the Senator from Maryland for alleged violation of the statute prohibiting criminal correspondence with foreign gov-ernments. She cites cable mes-sages sent by Senator France on In a statement Miss Kilbreth

"When a United States Senator 'pressure' on his own government in order to further one of his pet measures, the time has come to call a halt by criminal prosecution, if complish that result."

#### VETERANS MAY GET YUMA MESA TRACT

The first practical effort for placing rehabilitated former service men on reclaimed agricultural lands has been initiated in a bill ap-proved by Secretary of the Interior Fall, allotting ten-acre tracts of land in the Yuma Mesa in Acizona

before Congress, veterans who ap-ply will be allowed to complete their vocational training on the racts under direction of Reclama-

ion Service experts. The climate in this section, which is in the lower valley of the Colorado River, is said to be exceptionally mild except for a few ficulties, the Russian government weeks during the summer, and is under vigorous and constant inparticularly adapted to fruit rais-ing. The region is regarded as be-part of the Americans in charge of

former service men.

## LABOR LEADERS

in labor circles here today that a complete change of officers and pol-icy in the local federation is pos-

Gompers charged that Foster, recently returned from Soviet Russia, where he was accorded a welcome by Lenin and Trotsky, was trying to undermine the A. F. of L. by ob-taining a foothold for syndicalism big international union in

Two Die in Plane Mishap.

## **INSISTS RUSSIA'S SOLE HOPE LIES** IN REORGANIZING

#### Investigator for A. A. A. Reports Food Surplus At Seaports.

after a survey for the American Relief Administration and who sub-April 11 to Lloyd George, Facts, Barthou, Wirth and Tchitcherin, as the Genoa conference, as violations of the act.

mitted his report to Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, chair-man of the Relief Administration. Indications point to the new crops

in Russia being much better than last year, according to Mr. Wilker-son, and this would terminate the present drought disaster. A condition of extreme poverty and suf-fering will remain, however, and it will be years before normal conditions return.

#### Problem of Transportation. Mr. Wilkerson's report follows:

"After a careful investigation of the progress and scope of operations of the American Relief Administration in Russia and of general conditions in that country, the conclusions seem deducing to placate Russia and work out a solution acceptable to her. Tchitchin had asked a twenty-four

"1. The disastrous famine conditions, caused basically by last year's crop failure in the Volga Basin, and constituting the charity emergency which moved the American Congress to appropriate \$20,-000,000 for relief, are being met to the physical limit of the present capacity of the Russian transporta-tion system. Since the arrival of the first grain ship there has been constantly on hand at the ports a surplus of supplies over and above district distribution centers. Millions Being Fed.

"2. In spite of transportation difficulties, the Russian government

favorable to those inflicted our operation, has been able, lung or bronchial trouble. through sweeping rail priorities, to with lung or bronch'al trouble.

Secretary Fall believes that if move the initial shipments of corn this experiment is successful it will into the Volga Valley at a rate lead to other projects on a larger scale for settling public lands with former service men. which, if maintained, will assure the feeding of our supplies before the autumn harvest. In addition to feeding of our supplies before the autumn harvest. In addition to feeding more than 2,000,000 child that even if recognition means the dren, food is now being supplied to their parents throughout the Volga pean friends, it is probably the best

REPUDIATE FOSTER

CHICAGO, April 14.—The tongue lashing given leaders of the Chicago Federation of Labor by Samuel Gompers president of the American federation of Labor, for supporting the radical ideas of William Z. Foster, has had its effect.

Not only has, the Chicago federation repudiated its sanction of the "one big union" resolution, fathered by Foster, but it was declared in labor circles here today that a labor circles here togated the change, and "let us realize what has caused the change, But let us take advantage of it." in Russia cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that nothing short of complete economic reconsnort or complete economic recon-struction can furnish the remedy for the general unhappy condition of the people. The problem from September on will resolve itself it says. into a question of poverty than famine.'

> Cancels Police Vacations. NEW YORK, April 14.—Following

## HARD BARGAIN: FRENCH RESIST

**RUSSIA DRIVING** 

Fate of Genoa Parley Seems to Hang on Czarist and Kerensky Debts.

BRITISH PREMIER IS CONCILIATORY

All-Day Conference Indicates Tchitcherin Holds Whip Hand.

GENOA, April 14.-The fate of the ienoa conference now seems to hang on the question of the old Russian debt.

A complicated and delicate sityaion has developed over just how much of the old Czarist and Kerensky debts the Soviet shall be re sponsible for it. It is a tangle which will require all the resourcefulness

of Premier Lloyd George to unravel. Leading conference figures wres tled over the problem at an all-day session at Lloyd George's villa, pausing only for luncheon. But late tonight found them still without prospect of an agrement.

Russia and France Clash.

The old realignment reappeared during the discussion, with Russian Foreign Minister Tchitcherin stubbornly fighting the recommendation of the allied economic experts. Lloyd George inclining to be con-ciliatory and Barthou, of France. maintaining the French irrecon cilable attitude.

Tchitcherin, by his determised op-position to the recommendations, has worked himself into a strategic position and may almost be said to hold the fate of the conference in his hand. He has it within his power now either to drive a compromise bargain by yielding at cer-tain points, or to refuse to give in at all and force the allies, if they do anything at all, to do it over the protest of Russia—a situation which might arouse sympathy for the So viet, on the ground that its sov ereign rights were being usurped.

No War Debts Paid, He Says. Tchitcherin, in resisting the allied ecommendations, insisted that Rus-ia should not be compelled to pay he Czarist and Kerensky obligaions because no countries intender to pay their war debts. Britain and France, he pointed out, had not paid their war debts to the United States Furthermore, he declared, Russia did not come to Genoa to put her head in a noose whereby future generations would be enslaved with heavy indemnities.

Complete economic reconstruction is the only remedy for Russia, according to Lupton A. Wilkinson, who has just returned from Russia that they stand unchanged. The whole fate of the confernce is admittedly turning on the Rus-sian reply to this phase of the economic report which asks her to give fixed guarantees to insure protect

The informal conference at Lloyd George's villa was participated in by Barthou of France; Schanzer, of Italy, Theunis, of Belgium, and the three leading Russian delegates— Tchitcherin, Litvinoff and Krassin—

besides numerous experts.

The bolsheviki ate at the same table with the allied statesmen for the first time at luncheon on Good Friday.

The informal conference awanged

cherin had asked a twenty-four hour demy in which to study the economic report. This was extended to forty-eight hours when the allies learned Tchitcherin was not inclined to accent the recommendations

#### Would Avoid Open Fight.

Then another postponement was granted ostensibly because of Good Friday, but in reality to give time for the informal and private nego-tiations now going on. Formal con-sideration of the report may go over into next week what the railroads could carry to discussions will be continued tomor-

#### London Sees Achievement In Recognition of Soviet

LONDON, April 14.-Weekly press reviews commenting on Genoa al-most unanimously agree that the one big achievement there has been the full discussion of the Russian situa-tion and de facto recognition of the Soviet government as a great power in European affairs, by all the allies

"Let us keep our tongues in our cheeks if we like." the Outlook says, and "let us realize what has caused the change. But let us take advantage of it." Realization of Llyod George's great ambition to effect an understanding with Russia is seen by the Satur-day Review. "No one will profit by it and it will exasperate France."

It says.

The Nation hesitates to believe the news from Paris that Lloyd George has capitulated to the French scheme for one-sided disarmament of Russia. It thinks the premier gives reason to hope that-England will soon hear that he stands firm and denounces the French attitude toward Russia which is for repeating on the body of Russia the vivisections which Germany suffered.

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### TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER READ IN HOUSE YESTERDAY

Believes It Is Not Wise to Make Drastic Cut in Navy Bill.

Mr. Harding's letter to Representative Longworth on the naval appropriations was as follows:

"I have to acknowledge your letter of inquiry addressed to me on the 10th instant. If I were to address the Congress formally I could say only what I have already said informally, because I am well persuaded that it is not wise to make so drastic a cut in the naval appropriations as has been proposed in the measure now pending in the House.

"I do not doubt the good faith of the committee majority in believing a suitable navy can be maintained under the limitations fixed in the pending bill, and I am heartily in accord with every consistent effort to deepen the cut in governmental expenditure. At the same time I must believe in the good faith of the Navy Department and our naval advisers, who say very emphatically that it is impossible to maintain, within the proposed appropriations the standard set for our navy, which was made the base of the international conference and which standard we have proclaimed to

"Of course, the decision must be with the Congress, but I should not be frank in replying to your inquiry if I did not say that I shall be greatly disappointed and I believe the country will be greatly disappointed if the appropriation, to which the navy must and will adhere, is reduced to the point where the limitation of enlisted men and apprentices is below 86,000. No presentation of the situation which has come to my notice has served to alter that

'Ultimately, perhaps, the lower figures proposed may be reached, and I hope it will be possible through later international concert, but the trend toward peace and security ought to be more firmly established before going beyond the limitation to which we were gladly committed at the intenational conference."

## Cyclones Greet Refugees Fleeing From Flood Zone

Middle West Lowlands Inundated While Unprecedented Gales Ravage Higher Ground.

those remaining are living in sec-ond and third stories of their homes. Grocery stores are selling to cus-tomers who row to market in boats.

Heavy rains throughout the Cen-

warnings came reports of intense wind and hail storms.

Cyclone Lifts Schoolhouse.

The schoolhouse at O'Fallon, Ill., was lifted from its foundations by

to higher ground.

wheat so far.

COSSACK ATAMAN

friends and admirers:

"Mr. McCormack passed a com-fortable night and day with great

improvement, both temperamentally

2,000 Film Theaters Close.

and physically. His prognosis more favorable."

pleted his canvass for 1922.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Middle West lowlands populations hurried to higher ground with their belongings to-day to escape the worst floods of years, and on reaching safe territory found, according to some reports, that they had jumped from a watery grave to possible deaths from unprecedented gales and cyclones.

HINT AT SHAKE-UP IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS

> Bursting of Bombshell" Predicted as Result of Charges in House.

#### CONJECTURE HIGH

Former Investigator Alleges were to be called back to classes.

Obstantians Placed in West Obstructions Placed in Way were destroyed in this district, Of Government Probes.

The methods used in carrying

The methods used in carrying out recent reorganizations in government bureaus and departments Wabash River continued to rise and may be explained in the near fu-ture, as the result of charges pre-ferred against "certain" officials of the Department of Justice on the leaking badly, with hundreds floor of the House, it was stated guards working day and night in authoritative circles last night. Accompanied by a threat to "loy the matter before the proper grand juries" unless alleged obstructions to the conduct of justice were "im-mediately removed," a memorandum asserting that "certain parties were banks at asserting that "certain parties were hindering investigations where influential persons were concerned, and that the law had ceased to function," written by H. L. Scaife, former investigator under Attorney General Daugherty, was read in the House by Representative Roy O. Woodruff, of Michigan.

It is further stated that an investigation of these charges is expert, said, however, that little

restigation of these charges is expected to reveal that officials in the Department of Justice have at-Department of Justice have sempted to impede investigations of alleged discrepancies in govern-ment departments to such an ex-tent that the President was forced

to take corrective steps. Conjecture Runs High.

Conjecture runs high in official circles, with some predicting the "bursting of a bombshell" in the Department of Justice within the next week. At the White House next week had been at the department is him and dispersed when it became it is said that the department is him and dispersed when it properly taking care of the cases apparent that the general was inwhich are under investigation.

The President stated yesterday that he regretted that statements had been made on the floor of the House and by individuals who were apparently misinformed as to the apparently misinformed as to the for the general's arrest. Judge she decleans to the made a motion to vacate the order of Oklal she decleans to the made a motion to vacate the order of the general's arrest. Judge she decleans to the made a motion to vacate the order of Oklal she decleans the made are motion to vacate the order of the general's arrest.

policy of the administration in dealing with war profiteers. The fact that the statements reflected upon the Secretary of War, the Attorney General and the Pres-ident was unfortunate, it was said because everything possible is be-ing done by the administration to one by the administration to uncover any irregularities in the relations between the government and private corporations.

Public discussions of these matters will not accomplish the desired results and are regrettable, it was said.

Desnite the desired to improve | Iavor of naval reduction. A vote on the bill will come soon. "Big navy" men are endeavoring to delay it until next week, as a matter of strategy, but the decision perhaps will be forced today by from a severe attack of larynoitis.

esults and are regrettable, it was aid.

Despite the declarations of high large bulletin reassured the singer's REVIVED; 4 SLA Despite the declarations of high government officials that "the De-partment of Justice is functioning properly and that charges to the contrary are unfounded," much concern is expressed in many quarters, and some officials predict big developments soon."

Official "Out of City."

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## **BLOW TO LITTLE** NAVY FACTION

Openly Intervenes Fight on House Appropriation Bill.

CONSIDERS 86,000 MINIMUM FORCE

Opponents of Measure Believe Letter Final Argument Needed.

President Harding yesterday dealt a crushing blow to the "little

navy" faction in the House, Intervening openly for the first time in the fight over the pays; appropriation bill, the President told Congress, in a letter to Renresentative Longworth (Ohio), that he considered \$6,000 men the minimum of enlisted strength for ti.

American navy under the terms of In taking this position President Harding was forced to assume an attitude of direct opposition to some of the most powerful of his own party leaders in the Hoincluding Representative Mondell (Wyoming), Republican; Repre-sentative Madden (Illinois), cha'rman of the Appropriations com-mittee, and Representative Kelley (Michigan), chalment of the rayal subcommittee which drafted

Tide Turned Against "Little Navy."

These leaders have been advocating the bill providing only 67.00c enlisted men for the navy, and ha digorously resisted claims of Navy Department that more men were necessary to properly pant navy. Up to a day or two ago seemed probable that they would win. President Harding's lettefollowing closely upon a similar appeal by Secretary of State Hughes, is believed to have den little navy" movement and assured victory for the McArthur amend

Beardstown, Ill., worst hit of any of the flooded cities, is an island in the Illinois River. More than 6,000 of its inhabitants have fled and ment for \$6,000 enlisted men.
The President's letter, sprung suddenly by Representative Lone-worth in the midst of debate, was accorded an enthusiastic reception Ten cities have sprung up on the bluffs, with Red Cross and Salvation Army in charge of relief work. Two babies were born in the tent city today. The river is eighteen miles wide here, covering the entire valley. in the House. Although there has actual presentation of the letter caused great surprise. Members of the faction which has been opposing the bill leaped to their feet and cheered for several minutes tral West today caused flood warn-ings to be sent out by government officials here. In the midst of these when Representative Longworth "little navy" men, making little ef-fort to conceal their discomfiture

#### sat glum and silent during th demonstration.

Accepts the Challenge Longworth said Representative Kelley, of Michigan, in charge of the bill, had repeatedly challenged

while near St. Louis reports de-clared trees were uprooted, roofs blown away, and crops damaged through St. Louis County. "I accept the clared. "I am well "I accept that challenge." he de

"I am well persuaded that it is not wise to make so drastic a in the naval appropriations as been proposed in the measure now flood warnings were sent out even in the northern part of the State. The levees at Vincennes are reported pending in the House," the President's letter said. \* \* "I shall be greately disappointed if the appropriation, to which the navy must and will adhere, is reduced to the point where the limitation

save thousands of acres of valuable farmland. Farmers in all bottom lands around Vincennes are gatherof enlisted men and apprentices is below 86,000." ing their belongings and hurrying The President expressed belief Reports from Wisconsin say that the Wisconsin River has left its banks at many points and that low-lands are flooded for miles. Cities that it would be impossible to maintain the fleet provided by the arms conference with the reduction to 67,000. Ultimately, he said, the lower figures may be reached through later international action. "but the trend toward peace and security ought to be more firmly established before going beyond the limitation to which we were gladly

#### mmitted at the international conference." Connally Replies.

C. A. Donnel, government market expert, said, however, that little damage has been done to winter "If such great naval experts as the President and Mr. Mondell dis-BACK ATAMAN
DROOPS IN CELL
Garrett, of Tennessee.

Replying to the letter, Represent-ative Connally, of Texas, said pres-NEW YORK, April 14.-From the barred windows of his barren cell here, Gen. Gregory Semenoff, ataman of the Siberian Cossacks, looked gloomily out all day, Around the jail doors, little groups of East Side Russians muttered curses at him and dispersed when it became

Mondell, shortly before the letter was read, had spoken in favor of discredit the testimony of naval

#### Vote May Come Today, Representative Alice Robertson

of Oklahoma, drew applause when she declared in favor of a navy of \$6,000. Miss Robinson criticised wha she said was propaganda dissemi-nated by a women's organization in favor of naval reduction. McCormack, Irish Tenor,

BELFAST. April 14.-Good Friday proved a black day for Belfast, with four persons slain, many wounded and a revival of the sec-

REVIVED; 4 SLAIN

tarian rioting. Last night four licemen were wounded and er One high official in the Department of Justice, who, it is said, is involved in the criticisms, is "out of the city," according to clerks at the hotel where he resides.

At the Department of Justice it was stated that this official was not the company of the city of the city of the city, according to clerks at the hotel where he resides.

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At the Department of Justice it was stated that this official was not "in." No explanation as to where

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In the picture business, according to Gus Gillen was killed by given a many the Midland Station and a child and of the industry, who has just completed his canyase for 1822. later.